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To: Corbett, Kate (DPH) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MassMail-01/cn=Recipients/cn=Kate.Corbett]
Subject: FW: United States v. [REDACTED]

From: Christofferson, Eric (USAMA) [mailto:Eric.Christofferson@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2012 9:15 AM
To: Wortmann, John (USAMA); O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)
Cc: Vallaro, Guy (POL); Gagnon, Kenneth (POL)
Subject: RE: United States v. [REDACTED]

Elisabeth-

Thanks so much for your help. Yes, we would like the additional sample handled in the same manner. We really appreciate the attention to this.

Best,
Eric

From: Wortmann, John (USAMA)
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2012 9:05 AM
To: O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)
Cc: Vallaro, Guy (POL); Gagnon, Kenneth (POL); Christofferson, Eric (USAMA)
Subject: RE: United States v. [REDACTED]

Thanks Elisabeth. We'll reach out to the DCU ASAP and I'll find out about the last cert.

From: O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH) [mailto:elisabeth.o'brien@state.ma.us]
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Subject: RE: United States v. [REDACTED]

Hi John,

If you can reach out to the Boston Drug Control unit and have them resubmit the samples that you need reanalyzed as soon as possible that would be great. I believe Kate Corbett will be the chemist assigned to them and I'm confident that she can turn this around in 30 days. I think that the additional testing makes sense, you reference the set of 7 bags, the set of 8 bags, and yet I notice the last certificate is a set of 9 bags....do you want this additional sample handled in the same manner?

Cocaine only...not cocaine base correct?

Let me know if you need anything else.

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From: Wortmann, John (USAMA) [mailto:John.Wortmann@usdoj.gov]
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To: O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)
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Subject: FW: United States v. [REDACTED]

Elisabeth—see the attached. I'm afraid we need the drugs re-tested by a different chemist. There are a total of 15 bags: one set of 7 and one set of eight. Would it be possible to get 2 from each set tested for cocaine only (I think its best if we re-test each of the bags tested by Annie and test two additional bags that are presumably untouched.

The trial is in early September. Do you think we could get the certs in 30 days?

Sorry to bother you with this but, as the case is going to trial, we really don't have any choice.

Original certs in the PDF below.

Thanks. John

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To: Wortmann, John (USAMA)
Subject: United States v. [REDACTED]

John-

Attached are the drug certifications that were done previously in this case, which arose from the execution of a search warrant [REDACTED] at the defendant's apartment. There are five (5) certs in total. Four relate to cocaine that was seized and one relates to heroin that was seized. With respect to the cocaine, each of the four certs relates to a separate collection of individual bags that were seized. Only one sample from each of the four collections was tested.

The primary chemist on each of these certs was Annie Dookhan. Thus, we are requesting that each collection of bags and the heroin be retested.

Thank you,
Eric

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